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Mr. L. Preston Bryant, Jr.
Chairman
National Capital Planning Commission
401 9th Street NW, Suite 500
Washington, DC 20004
Via Email: info@ncpc.gov

Dear Mr. Bryant:

I am writing about revised plans that have been the subject of hearings at the National Capital Planning Commission. The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) has vacated its campus on Sangamore Road in Bethesda, Maryland under the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) law. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is managing a project that will redevelop the site as the Intelligence Community Campus-Bethesda (ICCB).

I want to express my appreciation to USACE and the U.S. Department of Defense for their sincere efforts to respond to community concerns about the redevelopment plans. As you know, once the community was made aware of plans to construct a new multi-level parking garage on the campus, concerns were raised about the potential impact of this structure on traffic, storm water management, and the Potomac River viewshed. Late last year the NCPC urged USACE to consider alternatives to limit these impacts.

USACE has hosted numerous meetings with community leaders and the community at large. I am satisfied that USACE has listened carefully and has made substantial design modifications that address community concerns. I also am pleased that USACE has reached out to my office and the County's Department of Transportation in an effort to ensure that short-term construction and long-term campus operations are coordinated with local agencies. While design modifications may not eliminate every concern, I believe they offer practical mitigations to community and regional impacts without compromising the essential mission of the new Intelligence Community Campus-Bethesda.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to comment on the redevelopment of the Sangamore Road site in Bethesda. Please feel free to reach out to my office in the future on this matter.

Sincerely,

Isiah Leggett
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